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Book V, p. 79 In mid-1965 the CIA interrogated [Tepedino, New York jeweler] who had been involved with the AMLASH operation from the beginning. The report concluded that the subject was deceptive during the interrogation and withheld pertinent information in one or more relevant areas. [Tepedino] lied in response to questions dealing with AMLASH's and his ties to Cuban intelligence. [Tepedino] stated that AMLASH had no plan to overthrow Castro. [Tepedino] stated AMLASH had strong connections with Cuban intelligence and was probably cooperating with it in various ways. Although AMLASH never mentioned these connections to his CIA case officers, [Tepedino] stated that AMLASH had mentioned them to him and almost everyone else he had met.

Book V, p. 25 Helms directed Karamessinis and Angleton to fully cooperate with the desk officer, [John Whitten], charged with investigating the assassination. On November 24, Mexico City cabled the names of known contacts of Soviet personnel in Mexico City and AMLASH's name (Rolando Cubela) was included on that list. Nonetheless neither Fitzgerald, Helms, Tom K or Angleton advised the desk officer of significance of this name.